

**MINUTES OF THE
HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING
FEBRUARY 20, 2007**

The regular session of the Auburn City Historical Design Review Commission was called to order on February 20, 2007 at 6:05 p.m. by Vice Chairman Smith in the Council Chambers, 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kosla, Smith, Worthington, Briggs, Elder, Kidd

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Thompson, Chrm. Merz

STAFF PRESENT: Reg Murray, Senior Planner; Steve Geiger, Associate Planner; Sue Fraizer, Administrative Assistant

ITEM I: CALL TO ORDER

ITEM II: PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM III: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 6, 2007 meeting were approved as submitted.

Commissioner Kidd arrived at this time.

ITEM IV: PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM V: PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- A. Historic Design Review – 725 High Street (Power’s Mansion Inn Gift Shop) – File HDR 07-4.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for one (1) painted wood wall sign and one (1) painted wood hanging sign for the Power’s Mansion Inn Gift Shop located at 725 High Street.

Planner Geiger gave the staff report. The proposal is for two signs. One will be a 2’ x 6’ wall sign, the other will be a 12” x 42” hanging sign. The words “Powers Mansion Inn” will be located on the top line of both signs and the words “Gift Shop” will be located on the second line of both signs. The proposed signs will have a beige background with burgundy letters. The size and style of the signs is the same as the signs of other neighboring shops. Staff has added a condition that

the hanging sign shall have a minimum of eight (8) feet of clearance from the bottom of the sign to the sidewalk. The sign sizes meet the City standards, the colors comply with the Architectural Design Guidelines, and staff is in support of this project.

Comm. Briggs asked if the applicant has spoken with staff about the window signs that are currently at this business.

Planner Geiger replied that the applicant has only proposed the two signs noted.

Comm. Briggs asked if the window signs are fairly new.

Planner Geiger indicated that he would have to defer to the applicant to answer any questions about the window signs.

The applicant, Alfred Lee who is the owner of the Power's Mansion Inn Gift Shop introduced himself. He was unaware that a permit is required for the window signs. He will do whatever is necessary to comply with the requirements for the window signs.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Lee questions about the window signs, and what his intentions are for the signs that are currently in the windows.

Mr. Lee again stated that he will do whatever is necessary to comply with the regulations.

Planner Geiger clarified that the applicant has the option of either taking down the signs, or submitting a new application for the window signs.

After discussion, the Commissioners suggested that Mr. Lee contact staff for guidance through the window sign application and permit process.

Comm. Briggs **MOVED** to:

Adopt Resolution No. 07-2 as presented, approving one (1) painted wood wall sign and one (1) painted wood hanging sign for Power's Mansion Inn Gift Shop located at 725 High Street.

Comm. Elder **SECONDED**.

AYES:	Kosla, Smith, Worthington, Briggs, Elder, Kidd
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	Thompson, Chrm. Merz

The motion was approved.

- B. Historic Design Review – 215 Maple Street (OTAPs Carriage House – File HDR 07-5.** The applicant requests Historic Design Review approval for a 10' x 12' woodframe Carriage house located at 215 Maple Street. *BY UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE COMMISSION, THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO THE MARCH 6, 2007 MEETING.*

- B. Amendments to Historic Preservation Architectural Design (City of Auburn) – File HDR 07-1.** To consider amending the sign guidelines contained in the Historic Preservation Architectural Design Guidelines (Section VI. Commercial Design Guidelines, I. Signage). One of the proposed amendments would allow for signs to be constructed of plastic or other synthetic materials when these materials are determined to be of high quality and when they replicate the appearance of wood, metal, or other natural hard materials. Staff has prepared the proposed amendment based on previous direction given by the City Council. *BY UNANIMOUS VOTE BY THE COMMISSION, THIS ITEM WAS CONTINUED TO THE MARCH 6, 2007 MEETING.*

ITEM VI: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT FOLLOW-UP REPORTS

- A. City Council Meetings
No report.
- B. Future Historic Design Review Commission Meetings
There will be an HDR meeting on March 6, 2007.
- C. Reports
None.

ITEM VII: HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION REPORTS

None.

ITEM VIII: FUTURE HISTORIC DESIGN REVIEW COMMISSION AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ITEM IX: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fraizer, Administrative Assistant